

## HB 1483 Testimony

Hello, my name is Andrew Bornemann. I am a farmer and small business owner from Kintyre, ND.

I am writing to you today to respectfully request a "Do Pass" recommendation from your committee in House Bill 1483.

This bill would revise the list of places where possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon is prohibited, in order to remove the prohibition on "publicly owned or operated building" and add a few other definitions relating to federal buildings and buildings occupied by a court. While some may say this is a bad idea, and would like to make you think it will certainly result in mass murders on public properties, I would like to point out that it is only law-abiding citizens who are discouraged by such requirements. Criminals by definition are those who have no regard for the law, and thus if they do desire to cause mayhem and destruction, a prohibition on carrying weapons only makes their determined job easier, due to their would-be victims being disarmed. Statistics have proven over and over it is the gun-free zones that are targeted by those intent on causing mass harm, and that law abiding, armed citizens are the strongest deterrent to violent crime.

As a 10-year CCW holder, and a husband and father, I will always support the rights of law abiding citizens to protect themselves and their families, no matter where they happen to be. I ask that you join me in defending the right to bear arms, guaranteed to us in the Second Amendment, by voting for a "Do Pass" recommendation on House Bill 1483.

Thank you!

Andrew Bornemann